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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

RYAN KOOM

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only) 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 3 Federal Question
(U.S. Government Not a Party) 2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

Citizen of This State	PTF	DEF	Citizen of Another State	PTF	DEF
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State			Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State		
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY		<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment
<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust
<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability		<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability			<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	PROPERTY RIGHTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit
<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent	<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV
<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service
<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury			<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability			SOCIAL SECURITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410
<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise			<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)	<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)	<input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	Habeas Corpus:	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters
<input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/ Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI	<input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))	<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other		<input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice
<input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights		<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	FEDERAL TAX SUITS	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	
			IMMIGRATION	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	

V. ORIGIN(Place an "X" in One Box Only)
 1 Original Proceeding
 2 Removed from State Court
 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
 4 Reinstated or Reopened
 5 Transferred from another district (specify) _____
 6 Multidistrict Litigation
 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

15 U.S.C SECTION 1692

Brief description of cause:

Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: Yes No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S)**

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

Explanation:

7-11-11

DATE

Signature of Attorney of Record
Craig Thor Kimmel

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: 2029 Grand Blvd #513 Kansas City Mo 64108

Address of Defendant: 307 Prudential Road, Horsham PA 19044

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: _____
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))

Yes No

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? Yes No

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes No

2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes No

3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?

Yes No

4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?

Yes No

CIVIL: (Place in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. *Federal Question Cases:*

1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts

B. *Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:*

1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts

2. FELA

2. Airplane Personal Injury

3. Jones Act-Personal Injury

3. Assault, Defamation

4. Antitrust

4. Marine Personal Injury

5. Patent

5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury

6. Labor-Management Relations

6. Other Personal Injury (Please

7. Civil Rights

specify)

8. Habeas Corpus

7. Products Liability

9. Securities Act(s) Cases

8. Products Liability — Asbestos

10. Social Security Review Cases

9. All other Diversity Cases

(Please specify)

11. All other Federal Question Cases

(Please specify)

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

I, Craig Thor Kimmel, counsel of record do hereby certify:
 Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs;

Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 7-11-11

Craig Thor Kimmel
 Attorney-at-Law

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 Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 7-11-11

Craig Thor Kimmel
 Attorney-at-Law

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 Attorney I.D.#

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Ryan Koom

CIVIL ACTION

v.

NCO Financial Systems, Inc.

NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

(a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()

(b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()

(c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. (X)

(d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()

(e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()

(f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ()

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

COMPLAINT

RYAN KOOM (“Plaintiff”), by his attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC. (“Defendant”):

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before “any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy,” and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 grants this court original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States.

3. Defendant conducts business and has its principal office in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.

4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).

5. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

PARTIES

6. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Kansas City, Missouri, 64108.

7. Plaintiff is a person granted a cause of action under the FDCPA. See 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a), and Wenrich v. Cole, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18687 (E.D. Pa. Dec 22, 2000).

8. Defendant is a national debt collection company with its corporate headquarters located at 507 Prudential Road in Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044.

9. Defendant is a “debt collector” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and repeatedly contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect a debt.

10. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

11. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”) is a comprehensive statute, which prohibits a catalog of activities in connection with the collection of debts by third parties. See 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* The FDCPA imposes civil liability on any person or entity that violates its provisions, and establishes general standards of debt collector conduct, defines abuse, and provides for specific consumer rights. 15 U.S.C. § 1692k. The operative provisions of the FDCPA declare certain rights to be provided to or claimed by debtors, forbid deceitful and misleading practices, prohibit harassing and abusive tactics, and proscribe unfair or unconscionable conduct, both generally and in a specific list of disapproved practices.

12. In particular, the FDCPA broadly enumerates several practices considered contrary to its stated purpose, and forbids debt collectors from taking such action. The substantive heart of the FDCPA lies in three broad prohibitions. First, a “debt collector may not

1 engage in any conduct the natural consequence of which is to harass, oppress, or abuse any
2 person in connection with the collection of a debt.” 15 U.S.C. § 1692d. Second, a “debt
3 collector may not use any false, deceptive, or misleading representation or means in connection
4 with the collection of any debt.” 15 U.S.C. § 1692e. And third, a “debt collector may not use
5 unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt.” 15 U.S.C. § 1692f.
6 The FDCPA is designed to protect consumers from unscrupulous collectors, whether or not there
7 exists a valid debt, broadly prohibits unfair or unconscionable collection methods, conduct which
8 harasses, oppresses or abuses any debtor, and any false, deceptive or misleading statements in
9 connection with the collection of a debt.

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11 13. In enacting the FDCPA, the United States Congress found that “[t]here is
12 abundant evidence of the use of abusive, deceptive, and unfair debt collection practices by many
13 debt collectors,” which “contribute to the number of personal bankruptcies, to marital instability,
14 to the loss of jobs, and to invasions of individual privacy.” 15 U.S.C. § 1692a. Congress
15 additionally found existing laws and procedures for redressing debt collection injuries to be
16 inadequate to protect consumers. 15 U.S.C. § 1692b.

17 14. Congress enacted the FDCPA to regulate the collection of consumer debts by debt
18 collectors. The express purposes of the FDCPA are to “eliminate abusive debt collection
19 practices by debt collectors, to insure that debt collectors who refrain from using abusive debt
20 collection practices are not competitively disadvantaged, and to promote consistent State action
21 to protect consumers against debt collection abuses.” 15 U.S.C. § 1692e.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

15. Defendant and others it retained began in January 2009 and continued through May 2011 constantly and continuously placing harassing and abusive collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged consumer debt of another person, specifically a “Reeyah Jafar” (phonetic spelling).

16. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt Defendant was seeking to collect was a consumer debt as it arose out of transactions, which were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

17. Defendant and others it retained placed calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone.

18. Defendant identified the debtor as "Reeyah Jafar" (hereinafter "Ms. Jafar").

19. Defendant and others it retained left messages on Plaintiff's voicemail informing Plaintiff that Defendant needed to speak with Ms. Jafar.

20. Plaintiff received telephone calls and voicemail messages from Defendant on a number of occasions from the following phone numbers: (888) 475-6741 and (877) 847-1486, which the undersigned has confirmed that the telephone numbers belong to Defendant.

21. On occasion, Plaintiff has received more than two (2) collection calls a day from Defendant.

22. In addition, Defendant contacted Plaintiff at inconvenient times and places, specifically calling him on his cellular telephone while he was at work, solely with the intent to harass and abuse Plaintiff.

23. Upon information and belief, Defendant contacted Plaintiff after 9:00 p.m., which was done with the intent to harass Plaintiff.

1 24. Most recently, on May 9, 2011, Defendant contacted Plaintiff on his cellular
 2 telephone seeking to speak with Ms. Jafar regarding a debt.

3 25. The repetitive calls to Plaintiff were disturbing, harassing, and an invasion of
 4 privacy.

5 26. Defendant failed to investigate or verify contact information prior to and after
 6 calling Plaintiff.

7 27. Defendant failed to update its records to avoid further harassment of Plaintiff.
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CONSTRUCTION OF APPLICABLE LAW

10 28. The FDCPA is a strict liability statute. Taylor v. Perrin, Landry, deLaunay &
 11 Durand, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). “Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer
 12 need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages.” Russell v.
 13 Equifax A.R.S., 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp., 233
 14 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector’s legal status
 15 violated FDCPA); Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).

16 29. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in
 17 favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The
 18 remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit
 19 & Collection Services, Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). “Because the FDCPA, like the
 20 Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 *et seq.*, is a remedial statute, it should be
 21 construed liberally in favor of the consumer.” Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir.
 22 2002).
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30. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the “least sophisticated” consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc., 869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not “made for the protection of experts, but for the public - that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less experienced.” Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

COUNT I
DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE
FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

31. In its actions to collect a disputed debt, Defendant violated the FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:

- a. Defendant violated of the FDCPA generally;
- b. Defendant violated §1692b(2) of the FDCPA by informing Plaintiff that another person owed a debt;
- c. Defendant violated §1692b(3) of the FDCPA by calling Plaintiff more than once in connection for the collection of a debt for another individual;
- d. Defendant violated §1692c(b) of the FDCPA by communicating with Plaintiff about a debt allegedly owed by another individual;

- 1 e. Defendant violated §1692d of the FDCPA by harassing Plaintiff in
2 connection with the collection of an alleged debt;
- 3 f. Defendant violated §1692d(5) of the FDCPA, when it caused Plaintiff's
4 telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously with the intent to harass, annoy
5 or abuse Plaintiff;
- 6 g. Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA by using unfair and unconscionable
7 means with Plaintiff to collect or attempt to collect a debt; and
- 8 h. Defendant acted in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner
9 and failed to comply with the FDCPA.

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12 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, RYAN KOOM, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- 13 a. All actual compensatory damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §
14 1692k(a)(1);
- 15 b. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for the violation of the FDCPA pursuant
16 to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);
- 17 c. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation
18 costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1693k(a)(3);
- 19 e. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

1 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, RYAN KOOM, demands a jury trial in this
3 case.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

6 DATED: 7-11-11

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